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PATENT APPLICATION 10/716,305

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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Title:

SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR MANAGING RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN BROKERS AND TRADERS USING A MESSAGING

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## **REQUEST FOR STATUS**

Please advise the status of the above-identified patent application. The application was filed on November 18, 2003. Applicants received the Filing Receipt dated March 1, 2004. Applicants are awaiting further communication from the Patent Office.

## REMARKS

Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.702(a)(1), it has been over fourteen months since the filing date of this Application and neither a Notification under 35 U.S.C. § 132 nor a Notice of Allowance under 35 U.S.C. § 151 have been received. Thus, a period of adjustment of patent term due to examination delay is accruing in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.703(a)(1).

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Applicants do not believe any fees are due. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker Botts LLP. If there are any matters that can be resolved through a telephone conference, please contact the undersigned attorney for Applicants at (214) 953-6581.

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